

OFFICE OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE  
CIVIL AIR PATROL

OPERATIONS DIRECTIVE)  
NO. 6 )

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
WASHINGTON, MARCH 10, 1942

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR CIVIL AIR PATROL

1. General

Wing and Group Headquarters and Squadrons will be organized in accordance with the Civil Air Patrol Table of Organization (T/O). This table establishes relative rank and grade of personnel and the maximum strength in each category. Units may operate at a strength below the maximum, but will not exceed it.

2. Authority

It must be remembered that it is not rank but constituted authority which commands obedience. Thus, a Wing Staff Operations Officer by virtue of the authority of his position and as representative of his Commander may, in line of duty, give orders to a Group Commander.

3. Duties

Duties of the Wing, Group and Squadron Officers are discussed in Training Directive No. 20 - Duties of Command and Staff Officers. Officers may be assigned to more than one duty. For example, the Engineering Officer, if qualified, may also be one of the pilots assigned to a flight.

4. Organization

The organization of Sections within the Squadron is shown in the vertical columns of the Organization Table. Each Section Staff Officer will be responsible for seeing that all personnel assigned to his Section are fully informed as to their duties within the Section.

5. Photographic Section

In accordance with war regulations, at the present time cameras will not be taken aloft in aircraft. As the Civil Air Patrol proves its military value, it may be called upon to perform certain photographic missions. Hence, provision has been made for the organization of Photographic Sections in Civil Air Patrol Squadrons.

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6. Distribution

The tentative Table of Organization accompanying this Directive will be distributed by Wing Commanders to Group and Squadron Headquarters on the basis of four copies per unit.

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## CIVIL AIR PATROL

TENTATIVE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION  
(Maximum Strength)

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
1	Duty	Relative Rank and Grade	Wing Headquarters	Group Headquarters	Squadron Headquarters			Squadron Sections								Squadron Flights				Total		
					Commander	Executive	Adjutant	Training & Operations	Engineering	Intelligence & Public Relations	Personnel & Medical	Supplies	Transportation	Communications	Photographic	Headquarters Flight	Flight A	Flight B	Flight C	Wing Headquarters	Group Headquarters	Squadron
2	Commissioned Officers																					
3	Wing Commander	1	1a																	1		
4	Wing Staff Officer	3	8b																	8		
5	Group Commander	2		1a																	1	
6	Group Staff Officer	4		8b																	8	
7	Squadron Commander	3			1a																	1
8	Squadron Staff Officer	4				1a	1	1a	1e	1c	1c	1c	1c	1c	1c							10
9	Deputy Staff Officer	5						1a	*	*	*	*	*	*	*							1
10	Flight Leader	4														1a	1a	1a	1a			4
11	Flight Deputy	5														1a	1a	1a	1a			4
12	Pilot Officer	5														6	6	6	6			24
13	Observer Officer	5														4	4	4	4			16
14	Total		9	9	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	12	12	9	9	60
15	Non-Com. Officers																					
16	Pilots and Observers	6														9d	9d	9d	9d			36
17	Line Chief	6						1e														1
18	Flight Chief	6														1e	1e	1e	1e			4
19	Crew Chief	7														1f	1f	1f	1f			4
20	Section Chief	7	1g	1g			1g	1e		1g	1g	1g	1g	1g	1g					1	1	7
21	Unit Chief	8	1g	1g		1g		1g		1g	1g	1g	1g	1g	1g					1	1	7
22	Detail Chief	8	1g	1g	1g			1g						1g						1	1	3
23	Total		3	3	1	1	1	0	4	0	2	2	2	3	2	11	11	11	11	3	3	62
24	Specialists																					
25	Photographer	9													4							4
26	Clerk	9	4	4		1	1	1	1		1	1	1							4	4	7
27	Stenographer	9	4	4		1	1	1		1	1	1								4	4	6
28	Mechanic	9							5							4	4	4	4			21
29	Radio Operator	9												4g								4
30	Chauffeur	9	2	2									10g							2	2	10
31	Messenger	10	2	2			2							2						2	2	4
32	Service Personnel	10						10		6g	2	4										22
33	Total		12	12	0	2	4	2	16	1	8	4	15	6	4	4	4	4	4	12	12	78
34	Aggregate		24	24	2	4	6	4	21	2	11	7	18	10	7	27	27	27	27	24	24	200

Qualifications

- a - Pilot Officer ratings required.
- b - Pilot Officer ratings required for Executive Officers and Operations Officers, but are optional for other Staff Officers.
- c - If qualified, these officers may also be assigned to the Squadron Flights.
- d - Pilots and Observers who have not qualified for the "Officer" ratings.
- e - A & E Mechanics, if available.
- f - Mechanic.
- g - Professionally qualified.
- \* - Deputy Staff Officers to be assigned from Pilot and Observer Officers.